

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request expedited notification of the same.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a), included herewith is a check in the amount of \$1970.00 and a Petition for a five-month Extension of Time. No other fees are believed due in connection with the filing of this response, however, should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall, Gerstein and Borun account number 13-2855.

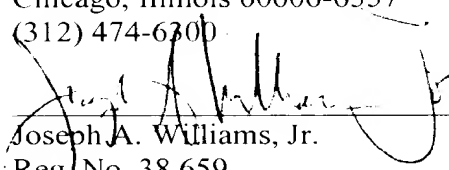
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APPENDIX A

45. (New) A process for the production of a polypeptide product having part or all of the primary structural conformation and the hematopoietic biological activity of naturally occurring pluripotent granulocyte colony-stimulating factor, said process comprising:

growing, under suitable nutrient conditions, host cells transformed or transfected with a DNA molecule in a manner allowing expression of said polypeptide product, wherein said DNA molecule encodes a polypeptide product selected from the group consisting of:

[Met.⁻¹] hpG-CSF;
[Ser¹⁷] hpG-CSF;
[Ser³⁶] hpG-CSF;
[Ser⁴²] hpG-CSF;
[Ser⁶⁴] hpG-CSF;
[Ser⁷⁴] hpG-CSF;
[Met⁻¹, Ser¹⁷] hpG-CSF;
[Met⁻¹, Ser³⁶] hpG-CSF;
[Met⁻¹, Ser⁴²] hpG-CSF;
[Met⁻¹, Ser⁶⁴] hpG-CSF; and
[Met⁻¹, Ser⁷⁴] hpG-CSF.